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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number (Optional)  
MI22-1684

In re Application of David R. Hembree

Application Number

09/827,248

Filed

04/04/2001

For Methods of Processing Wafers and Methods of  
Communicating Signals with Respect to a Wafer

Group Art Unit

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Examiner

V. Nguyen

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>23-0925</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. |

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